

Verbals

Gerunds, Infinitives, and Participles

Gerunds, Infinitives, and Participles are known as *Verbals*. Verbals are verb forms used as another part of speech.

Verbal - a phrase using verbs as nonverbs; there are three types of verbals:

- Gerund - **a word derived from a verb ending in *-ing* that is used as a noun (e.g., *reading is fun*)**
- Infinitive - **the uninflected or base form of the verb, usually preceded by *to* (e.g., *to go*)**
- Participle - **a verb form incorporating the use of *-ed* or *-ing* for regular verbs and using the third principle part of the verb for irregular verbs. These verb forms are used to form the progressive tenses (e.g., *speaking in Jim was speaking*) or to serve as modifiers (e.g., *writing in the writing assignment*).**

Present participle - verbs ending in *-ing* (The crying baby was hungry.)

Past Participle - regular or irregular verbs written in past tense form (e.g., a chained prisoner, a written letter, a sunken ship.)

Directions:

Label these sentences using the proper verbals term from above. You must make sure you explain why.

Example: I like swimming the best. Swimming is a gerund used as the direct object in the sentence.

- The running water flooded the basement.
- To run every day is good for your health.
- Running is good exercise.